

**Superior Court of California  
County of Riverside**

**Effective January 12, 2022:** pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.672(e), the court adopts Local Rule 3132, Appearing Remotely at Non-Evidentiary Hearings.

Local Rule 3131, Telephonic Case Management Appearances, and Local Rule 3321, Telephonic Law and Motion Appearances, as well as associated forms RI-CI038 and RI-CI039 are suspended until July 1, 2023.

**LOCAL RULE 3132  
APPEARING REMOTELY AT NON-EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS**

Unless an in-person appearance is expressly ordered by the court or otherwise required by law, attorneys and self-represented parties are encouraged to appear at non-evidentiary hearings via remote technology rather than in person. By doing so, those persons will be deemed to have requested a remote appearance. No written request to appear remotely is necessary.

Persons intending to appear remotely shall notify all opposing parties of their intention before the hearing. That notice may be given informally, including by telephone, email, or text message. No advance notice to the court of the intention to appear remotely is required prior to the date of the hearing.

If for any reason the court denies the request to allow a remote appearance, the hearing shall be continued to a date at which the parties will be ordered to appear in person.

This rule applies to all general civil cases as defined in California Rules of Court, rule 1.6(4), and to all non-evidentiary hearings in those cases. Non-evidentiary hearings are those in which oral testimony will not be received, such as (a) hearings on motions, demurrers, and ex parte applications; (b) case management proceedings such as case management conferences, status conferences, trial setting conferences, and trial readiness conferences; and (c) hearings in response to orders to show cause other than those for contempt.

This rule shall be in effect until July 1, 2023. Local Rules 3131 and 3321 are suspended until that date.

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